

## FIRST BATTLESHIP.

Cuba's Maiden Investment in Material for a Navy.

The Old United States "Hornet," Bought for Five Dollars, Was Never in an Encounter—Close of Her Career.

"While there is a good deal of talk these days about Cuba," said the man who likes to converse, according to an eastern exchange, "it should not be forgotten that the man who was first to float the Cuban flag over an armed deck is in the United States and is not bloviating about it, either. He is Col. Prentiss Ingraham, author, traveler, soldier, sailor and a lot of other things. In the summer of 1895 Col. Ingraham bought, in New York city, for the large sum of \$5, the steamer Hornet, which had once been the Lady Sterling, a blockade runner captured by the United States government and made a dispatch boat for the service of President Lincoln. A wealthy Cuban living in New York had bought her from the government, and he sold her to Col. Ingraham for \$5 because he wanted to. You see, she had to belong to somebody, and Col. Ingraham was the best man, because he knew his business. She made two trips to Cuba as a filibuster, carrying arms which she took on board at sea so as not to implicate the United States in any act against a friendly government, Spain being on terms with us at the time. Col. Ingraham was in command.

"In October of 1899 she cleared from Philadelphia for Liverpool and put in at Halifax under stress of weather, or so it was stated. Here she was met by Admiral Edward Higgins, an ex-confederate officer, and formerly of the United States navy. The Hornet remained in Halifax until suspicion pointed so strongly her way that the English authorities were about to seize her a second time, though she had already been searched and nothing had been found on her which she had no right to carry.

She left Halifax in such a hurry that she was fired on from the forts, but got away all right, making the run to Cape Sable, 60 miles, in three hours. At sea Admiral Higgins ordered her course southward, and the 45 sailors on board mutinied, and there was a fight for the ship, the officers winning. Off Martha's Vineyard, the ship was met by several small vessels carrying arms and men, and these were taken on board, and the Hornet became a fully equipped vessel of war, having 26 officers, 300 men and nine guns, one 100-pound bow chaser, two 60-pounders, four 30-pounders and two 24-pounders. Once at sea with this equipment, Col. Ingraham, who had been in command of her since her purchase, turned her over to Admiral Higgins, the officers receiving their commissions, Col. Ingraham becoming a commandant of marines, her name was changed to the Cuba, and Col. Ingraham, with his own hands, raised the Cuban flag over her, being the first Cuban flag ever to go up over an armed deck of a Cuban vessel, and, by the way, there has not yet been another one.

"Not long after this, a month, or so, the Cuba was caught in a hurricane and had to put in at Wilmington, N. C., for coal. She had hard coal, which would not make steam, and soft was necessary. The Spanish mail steamer, with \$3,000,000 in treasure and 200 Spanish officers from Cuba, had got away from her on this account, and this was worse than a hurricane. She was suspected by the authorities at Wilmington, and, though every effort was made to get away before she could be searched, it was impossible, as her engines had been uncoupled for repairs, and she was captured. Admiral Higgins surrendered her to Col. Frank, of the United States army, but refused to pull down his flag until he had been tried and the ship was finally confiscated. The trial lasted a month and resulted in the acquittal of Higgins and Ingraham; the other officers were sent to Washington under bond, and released later, and the men were paid off and discharged. The Cuba, however, was held and sent to New York, under command of Capt. Maffitt, formerly of the famous confederate privateer Florida, and she was later taken to Baltimore, where she was left to rot. I understand she is lying in the mud down there now, and if she is, the Cubans ought to resurrect her and take her home. Col. Ingraham is now living in New York city."

### Oatmeal Snap Cakes.

Now that fresh fruits will be coming on one after the other the crisp little cakes made from fresh oatmeal will be found a delightful accompaniment. They are easily made, and the following recipe will give excellent results, both in number and quality. Put half a cup of fine oatmeal in the mixing bowl; add two cups of flour sifted with two teaspoonfuls of baking powder and one of salt and rub into this two tablespoonfuls of sugar. Beat an egg until light; stir this into half a cup of cream and milk, half and half; and with this mix with a fork the contents of the bowl to a light dough. Roll out on the floured board, cut rather thin and bake in a moderate oven. The extra quantity of flour is required to overbalance the slight heaviness of the oatmeal flour.

Running makes a person warm, because, when running, a greater quantity of air is inhaled into the lungs. More oxygen is thus introduced and the blood is heated.

She Had Heard Him Come Home. Mr. Botts—I think, my dear, I have at last found the key to success. Mrs. Botts—Well, just as likely as not you'll not be able to find the keyhole.—Stray Stories.

### God Like Cold Water.

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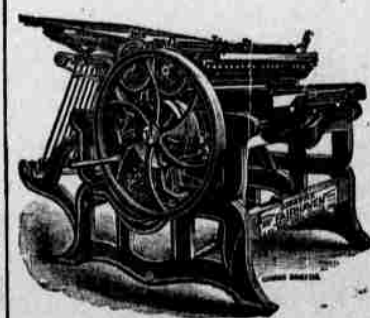
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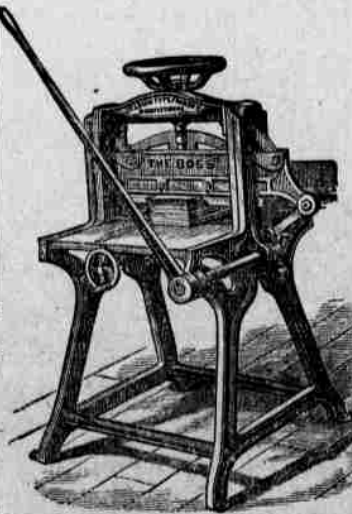


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